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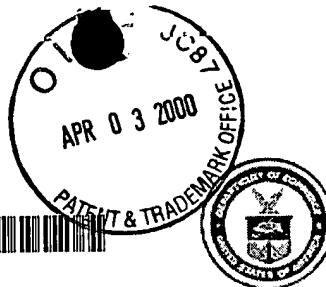
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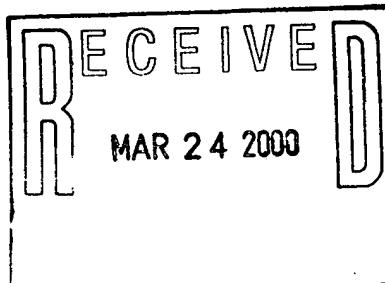
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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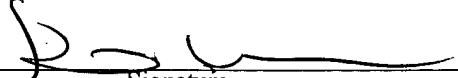
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Sir:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Form PTO 1533 is attached along with the executed inventor(s) Declaration, Verified English-language translation of the specification as filed and our check which includes the amount of \$260.00 The certified copy of the priority document (Japanese Application No. 11-013328, filed 1-21-99) is also attached.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Error(s) appear on the Official Filing Receipt. A copy of the same is marked in red. Correction of the error(s) is respectfully requested. Please note that the LAST NAME OF THE FIRST INVENTOR WAS MISSPELLED ON THE INVENTOR DESIGNATION FORM. PLEASE CORRECT THE SPELLING FROM "OHNO" TO --ONO--. If necessary, please charge our deposit account the \$25.00 fee.
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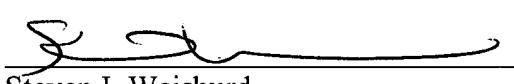
  
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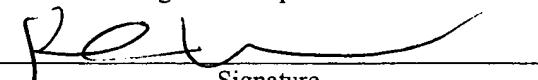
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submitted herewith is a copy of art together with an art listing form listing the same for the convenience of the Examiner.
	The document(s) listed on the attached art listing form was/were cited in a Search Report issued by a foreign patent office in a related application. A copy of the Search Report (in the English language) is attached hereto for the Examiner's reference.
	The Japanese Publication(s) listed on the attached art listing form was/were cited in a Japanese Office Action issued in a related application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action and an English-language translation of the relevant portions are also attached.
	This submission is being made after the issuance of a first Office Action and three months after the application filing date. Thus a Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is set forth below.
	I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Submission was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Submission (37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)). If a Notice of Allowance has been issued prior to the mailing date of this IDS, Applicant(s) hereby Petition for consideration of the same. Please charge the fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(I) to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.
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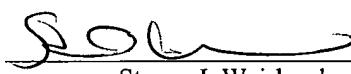
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Enclosed herewith please find twelve (12) sheets of formal drawings containing Figures 1-14 for the above-identified application.

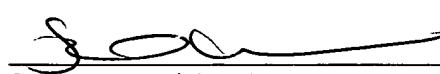
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find twelve (12) sheets of formal drawings containing Figures 1-14 for the above-identified application.

The drawings have been marked in red to reflect the translation of the language of the drawings from Japanese to English.

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced with these corrections.

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